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Objectives

1. Maintain our absolute freedom of action unilaterally to conduct reconnaissance satellite operations.
2. Prevent foreign political and physical interference with the conduct of these operations.
3. Prevent accidental or forced disclosure of details of the operations or end products of the US satellite reconnaissance program.
4. Avoid situations, statements or actions which, in the context of our satellite reconnaissance program, could later be exploited as evidence either of alleged US aggressiveness or duplicity.
5. Develop a policy which resolves any conflicts which might arise between the essential technical and security requirements of the US satellite reconnaissance program and the international commitments and foreign policy objectives of the United States in a manner which is in the overall best interests of the national security of the United States.

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